

CAIN FRAME SALTBOX

AL-VI-B-059
Vale Summit
ca. 1870

The Cain House is a two story,
three bay wide, frame saltbox. As such
it is a reasonably well preserved exam-
ple of a 19th century miner's home.
Like the other homes in Vale Summit, the
Cain Saltbox was probably built by the
miner himself rather than as a "company
house."

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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AL-VI-B-059

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Cain Frame Saltbox

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

RD RT 1

CITY, TOWN

Vale Summit

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Walter Cain

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route 1

CITY, TOWN

Frostburg

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21532

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 410

Folio #: 500

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Cain Frame Saltbox is located in Vale Summit, Allegany County.

The Cain house is a three bay wide, two story, frame saltbox. The entire structure rests on a low stone foundation. The roof is gabled with a soffit and covered with replaced asphalt shingles. Windows in the structure are pegged, double hung, wooden sash frames with six over six lights. Each window is topped with a cornice. The main entrance is located on the east facade and features a verticle paneled door with original hardware. The entrance is covered by a three bay shed roof end porch. A second entrance, located on the south side, is also covered by a one bay end porch and is surrounded on two sides by lattice work. A single original corbeled brick chimney is located in the interior of the building.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Cain Frame Saltbox, located in Vale Summit, is a well preserved example of a 19th century miner's home. However, the house is atypical in that the majority of the homes in Vale Summit were not "company" houses. That is, they were not constructed by Consolidation Coal Company or another smaller mining company. Instead, the town was laid out in 1851 and miners bought the lots and constructed their own homes.¹ The result is that the homes in Vale Summit vary somewhat from the type of company housing utilized in other towns. Thus, the Cain Frame House is a typical coal company saltbox in that it has the distinction of being slightly larger than most as well as having cornices on top of the windows.

1 Harvey, Katherine A., The Best Dressed Miners, (Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press, 1969) p. 79

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 83' x 100' x 100' x 100'

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson & Joan Baldwin

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Surveyors

DATE

1/4/77

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-8991

CITY OR TOWN

LaVale,

STATE

Maryland

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO. A1-VI-B-059

410/500

DATE: 12/15/76

83' x 100' x 100' x 100'

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minorNAME OF PROPERTY: Cain Frame SallboxLOCATION OF PROPERTY: Nale SummitDIRECTION DWELLING FACES: EastNAME OF OWNER: Walter CainADDRESS: Rt 1 BoxFrostburg, Md 21532STORIES: 1() 2(☒) 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3(☒) 4() 5() 6() 7() ()WINGS, ADDITIONS: Rear ShedDwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- (☒) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
() BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
() STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
() LOG
() Other: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS PlainFOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2() 6/6(☒) 9/6() 9/9() other()
pegged (☒) nailed() wide() narrow() mitred() pediment()ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: EastHARDWARE: original(☒) replaced()FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAINPaneled, Verticle, Horizontal BoardsCORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed) Boxed
original(☒) replaced() Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze, ArchitraveROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, MANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, DORMERS #MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original() replaced(☒)PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed(☒) hip() gable() Side / 3 Bay EndCHIMNEYS: NUMBER 1 BRICK(☒) STONE() CORBELLED(☒) original(☒) replaced()LOCATION: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior (☒)ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

Use - ResidenceSignificance - Arch

Date Constructed -

Condition - Fair

2.7/630

SECTION VI QUADRANGLE B

STATE OF MARYLAND
MARYLAND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY





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Cain Frame Saltbox

Vals Summit

12/13/76

Joan Baldwin

Southwest



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NorthEast